

Sermon Listening Guide (August 24, 2025)

Scripture: Luke 3:21-22

Sermon Title: "Jesus Was Baptized Too"

First Thoughts

There are two ordinances in Baptist churches...Baptism and The Lord's Supper. This morning, we explore baptism.

Baptism in the Jordan and Humility

John the Baptist called people to repentance and baptism.

Jesus came requesting baptism to identify with mankind.

While Jesus had nothing to repent of, his baptism was a great act of humility.

In a "look at me world", humility seems to be extinct.

Through the act of baptism, we humbly repent of our sins in a public manner.

It pleases God when we are humble in our assessment of our sin.

The Holy Spirit and Unity

Luke 3:21-22 is one of the few places in the Bible that shows The Trinity gathered.

The Holy Spirit humbly descended like a dove on Jesus.

Verse 21 shows the heavens opened and no boundaries between God and man.

With the baptism of Jesus, God came to be with man in ways he had never done before.

Baptism is a great show of unity...it unites us with God and each other.

Baptism is a great equalizer, as no one is too good to be baptized.

It pleases God when we identify with Jesus and other believers.

What Pleased God?

It certainly pleased The Father that Jesus was beginning his ministry.

It pleased The Father that Christ was humble in his baptism.

Baptism is a symbolic act.

It is also an act of obedience for new Christians.

Southern Baptist Churches believe baptism by immersion is the most correct mode of baptism.

Total immersion symbolizes complete surrender to God and death to self.

Final Thoughts

Acts 16 tells two stories of entire households surrendering to Christ and choosing baptism.

This ancient act of baptism created heavenly and earthly community.

If you are a Christian, why have you procrastinated on baptism?

Will you submit to baptism?